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A Global Project

USAID Advancing Nutrition is USAID's flagship multi-sectoral nutrition project seeking to improve the nutritional status and health of populations vulnerable to nutritional deficiencies around the globe. This five-year project began in October 2018 and draws on expertise that spans sectors and contexts. Collaborating with stakeholders, JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc. and a diverse group of partners strengthen nutrition outcomes in a variety of development and humanitarian response settings. We do so by supporting country-led scale-up of effective, integrated, and sustainable nutrition programs and food and health systems. The project strengthens USAID's global nutrition investments by providing assistance to USAID Missions and local partners working at local, regional, and national levels to improve nutritional status and health outcomes where the burden of malnutrition is highest. We focus on the individuals most at risk of malnutrition, especially young children, their caregivers, and women of reproductive age.

Our Work in Niger

Since November 2020, USAID Advancing Nutrition has worked with the Government of Niger and Helen Keller International to reduce malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies by addressing the prevalence of anemia among women of reproductive age (WRA) and adolescents, as well as vitamin A deficiency among children under 5. To do so, we provide technical assistance to strengthen iron-folic acid and vitamin A treatment and prevention services within health facilities and community-level platforms. The project works in Maradi and Zinder, where vitamin A supplementation



Project Period

November 2020–September 2023

Where We Work

Maradi and Zinder Regions

coverage is 80 and 66 percent, respectively, and anemia prevalence among WRA is 43 and 50 percent, respectively. We will achieve this through three objectives:

- **Objective 1:** Strengthen government capacity to increase effective coverage of iron-folic acid and vitamin A supplementation.
- **Objective 2:** Strengthen implementing partner skills on social and behavior change communication related to anemia and vitamin A deficiency treatment and prevention.

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